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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

OKAICHI, Atsuo, et al.

Group Art Unit: 3748

Serial No.: 10/533,286

Examiner: **TRIEU, Theresa**

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For: **COMPRESSOR**

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT
DATED October 20, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: November 9, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated **October 20, 2006**, the applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the **species represented by Figures 1-6. Claims 4-21** read on this species with **claims 1-3 being generic**. The applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

The applicants respectfully request an early examination on the elected claims 4-21 and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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